AGENDA
Tuesday, February 3, 2015

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Thomas K. Butt

Vice Mayor
Jael Myrick

Councilmembers
Nathaniel Bates
Jovanka Beckles
Eduardo Martinez
Gayle McLaughlin
One Vacancy

Housing Authority Tenant Commissioners
Jackie Thompson
One Vacancy

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Housing Authority
Joint Powers Financing Authority
Surplus Property Authority
Local Reuse Authority

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OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Individuals who would like to address the City Council on matters not listed on the agenda or on Presentations, Proclamations and Commendations, Report from the City Attorney, or Reports of Officers may do so under Open Forum. All speakers must complete and file a pink speaker’s card with the City Clerk prior to the commencement of Open Forum. The amount of time allotted to individual speakers shall be determined based on the number of persons requesting to speak during this item. The time allocation for each speaker will be as follows: 15 or fewer speakers, a maximum of 2 minutes; 16 to 24 speakers, a maximum of 1 and one-half minutes; and 25 or more speakers, a maximum of 1 minute.

SPEAKERS ARE REQUESTED TO OCCUPY THE RESERVED SEATS IN THE FRONT ROW BEHIND THE SPEAKER’S PODIUM AS THEIR NAME IS ANNOUNCED BY THE CITY CLERK.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted, approved or adopted by one motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received from the audience or the City Council. A member of the audience requesting to remove an item from the Consent Calendar must first complete a speaker’s card and discuss the item with a City staff person who has knowledge of the subject material, prior to filing the card with the City Clerk and prior to the City Council’s consideration of Agenda Review. An item removed from the Consent Calendar may be placed anywhere on the agenda following the City Council’s agenda review.

CONDUCT AT MEETINGS: Richmond City Council meetings are limited public forums during which the City strives to provide an open, safe atmosphere and promote robust public debate. Members of the public, however, must comply with state law, as well as the City’s laws and procedures and may not actually disrupt the orderly conduct of these meetings. The public, for example, may not shout or use amplifying devices, must submit comment cards and speak during their allotted time, may not create a physical disturbance, may not speak on matters unrelated to issues within the jurisdiction of the City Council or the agenda item at hand, and may not cause immediate threats to public safety.
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Any law enforcement officer on duty or whose service is commanded by the presiding officer shall be Sergeant-at-Arms of the Council meetings. He/she, or they, shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the Council meetings (City Council Rules of Procedure and Order Section III F, RMC Section 2.12.030).

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

6:30 p.m.

A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

B. ROLL CALL

C. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

D. AGENDA REVIEW

E. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

E-1. PRESENT Black History Month 2015 proclamations honoring long-standing, outstanding Richmond community leaders to Former Richmond Mayor Irma Anderson, Richmond Commission on Aging Chair Eli Williams, Community advocate Bessanderson McNeil, Community advocate George Harris, Jr., and Assembly Member Tony Thurmond - Mayor Tom Butt (620-6503)

F. REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF FINAL DECISIONS MADE DURING CLOSED SESSION

G. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

H. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

H-1. APPROVE a contract amendment with CSG Consultants, Inc. for plan review and technical support services in the Fire Prevention Services Division, increasing the payment limit by $20,000 to a total amount not to exceed $86,000, and extending the term of the contract to June 30, 2015 - Fire Department (Chief Adrian Sheppard 307-8041).

H-2. APPROVE a contract with Christopher B. Blunden to prepare and file asset recovery claims with the State of California, with compensation on a contingency based on funds recovered and not to exceed $50,000, and with a term extending to June 30, 2015 - Finance Department (James Goins/Antonio Banuelos 620-6740).

H-3. AUTHORIZE the Port to enter into a five-year lease, with one five-year option to extend, with the Riggers Loft Wine Company (RLWC) for approximately 1,100 square feet of office space at 1317 Canal Boulevard to be used as RLWC administrative offices with initial annual lease revenue to the Port of $13,200 - Port Department (Jim Matzorkis/Lucy Zhou 215-4600).
H-4. ADOPT a resolution authorizing the execution and submission of a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for allocation of Regional Measure 2 funds for the construction of improvements along Nevin Avenue between 19th Street and 27th Street - Successor Agency to the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency (Chadrick Smalley 412-2067).

H-5. ADOPT a resolution amending the City of Richmond's Position Classification Plan to add the new classification of Assistant City Clerk - Human Resources Management Department (Lisa Stephenson 620-6600).

H-6. INTRODUCE an ordinance (first reading) establishing the wages, salary, and compensation for the new classification of Assistant City Clerk (Salary Range No. 052C: $5,659 - $6,853/month) - Human Resources Management Department (Lisa Stephenson 620-6600).

H-7. ACCEPT a $143,520 Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) grant from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) to operate an employee shuttle service; APPROPRIATE these funds into the FY2014-2015 budget; and APPROVE a contract amendment and term extension with TransMetro Inc. to operate this shuttle service through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed $143,520 - City Manager's Office (Bill Lindsay 620-6512).

H-8. ACCEPT a grant in the amount of $140,000 awarded by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Lifetime Transportation Program Cycle 3 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program; APPROPRIATE these grant funds into the FY2014-2015 Budget, of which $100,000 will be utilized for implementation of a car share program at Atchison Village in Richmond, and $40,000 will be utilized to implement car share services at the Civic Center; and APPROVE a contract with Trans Metro, Inc. to provide car share service management and operations to residents located at Atchison Village - City Manager's Office (Bill Lindsay/Lori Reese-Brown 620-6512).

H-9. ADOPT an ordinance (second reading) of the City of Richmond amending section 3.50.040 of the Richmond Municipal Code to eliminate term limits for members serving on the Commission on Aging - Councilmember McLaughlin (620-5431) and Mayor Butt (620-6503).

H-10. ADOPT an ordinance (second reading) amending Chapter 7.96 (Alarm Ordinance) of the Richmond Municipal Code to update the entire alarm ordinance, addressing issues including fines, permit requirements, and police response - Police Department (Chief Chris Magnus 621-1802).

H-11. APPROVE a contract with Unisource Solutions to deliver, install, assemble, and build new furniture on site for the Family Justice Center Project in an amount not to exceed $110,000 for a term from December 2014 to November 2015 - Police Department (Chief Chris Magnus 621-1802).
H-12. APPROVE the minutes of the December 2, 2014, January 20 and 27, 2015, City Council Meetings - City Clerk's Office (Diane Holmes 620-6513).

H-13. APPROVE the First Amendment to the Remediation and Abatement agreement with Cal Inc. to finalize the cleanup of spilled oil containing polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) and removal of contaminated debris as required by the Toxic Control Substance Act, increasing the amount by $275,000 for a total not to exceed amount of $775,000 and appropriating this amount into the Port budget - Port Department (Jim Matzorkis 215-4608).

H-14. APPROVE a contract with NEMA Construction to provide and install 200 Christy traffic rated boxes and to re-wire the Richmond Parkway traffic signal interconnect system from San Pablo Avenue to Interstate I-580 in an amount not to exceed $300,000 - Public Works Department (Yader A. Bermudez 231-3008).

H-15. ADOPT a Resolution of Intention to establish the Richmond Tourism Marketing District (RTMD), and set the public meeting date on March 17, 2015, and the public hearing date on the establishment of the RTMD for April 7, 2015 - City Manager's Office (Bill Lindsay 620-6512).

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS - NOT EARLIER THAN 7:00 P.M.

I-1. Continued Ordinances

I-2. INTRODUCE the proposed ordinance (first reading) adopting the zoning text amendments to Section 15.06 of the Sign Ordinance and Chapter 4.04 of the Sign Code. - Planning and Building Services Department (Richard Mitchell 620-6706). This item was continued from the December 16, 2014, and January 20, 2015, meetings.

J. RESOLUTIONS - NOT EARLIER THAN 7:15 P.M.

J-1. ADOPT a resolution declaring our intent to communicate with the major owners of delinquent loans in regard to a nonprofit program to acquire troubled mortgages, save homes from foreclosure, and create affordable housing - Councilmember McLaughlin (620-5431).

K. COUNCIL AS A WHOLE - NOT EARLIER THAN 7:30 P.M.

K-1. DIRECT staff to draft an ordinance that best suits the City of Richmond in establishing a Just Cause requirement for evictions, and consider the use of a Rent Board as in other cities or a smaller Tenant Protection Commission appointed by the Mayor which would potentially have smaller overhead, or other options for enforcement - Vice Mayor Myrick (620-6636).
K-2. CONSIDER a letter urging the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to ensure Internet For All Now by requiring Comcast to extend and increase subscribership for its Internet Essentials program, and AUTHORIZE the mayor to submit the letter to the FCC on behalf of the Richmond City Council - Mayor Tom Butt (620-6503).

K-3. DIRECT staff to prepare a letter in support of the Valley View Campus Project and deliver the letter to the WCCUSD Board prior to their meeting on February 11th - Vice Mayor Myrick (620-6636) and Councilmember Martinez (620-6593).

L. REPORTS OF OFFICERS: STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)

M. ADJOURNMENT

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